

	Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting Minutes March 19, 2009 – Southern Region 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Charles County Health Department	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions /Follow-up
Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fahd Habeeb welcomed everyone and introductions occurred. 	N/A
Meeting Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of RAC • Meeting Purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Fenlon gave an overview of the RAC and explained the purpose of the meeting. • Linda reviewed the agenda for today's meeting. 	N/A
RAC Policy Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Honablew, Jr., Chief, OPPI, AIDS Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Honablew Jr. presented information on policy updates including: (handouts provided) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and Federal Funding • Ryan White Reauthorization • Federal Policy (URL provided) • Health Care Reform • Impact Issues <p>Q. What can we do to advertize to the public to help prevent the spread of HIV.</p> <p>A. You can make sure people understand that funding for HIV is still important and send letters to your legislators.</p>	N/A
HIV Reporting Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Flynn, Chief AIDS Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Flynn presented information on HIV Reporting Transition. (handouts provided) <p>Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act of 2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan White funds dependent on name-based HIV reporting • Non-name-based HIV reporting states given three-year transition period, if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Transition plan by 10/1/06 – Laws/regulations in place by 4/1/08 • Name-based data to be used in 2010 funding allocations using data reported through 12/31/08 <p>Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act of 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Bill 1270 – Senate Bill 987 	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needed to comply with new federal mandates in Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 • Governor signed on 4/24/2007 • Emergency legislation – went into effect immediately • Physician reporting by name of HIV and AIDS cases • Physician reporting by name of HIV exposed infants • Facility reporting by name of HIV and AIDS cases • Laboratory reporting by name of HIV+ and all CD4 and VL test results <p>Transition Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change over systems to report all new cases using names, immediately • Contact major HIV providers to make available lists of prevalent HIV cases • Re-report previously reported code-based cases as name-based cases • Identify sources of missing cases and investigate <p>Colin reviewed the following charts and graphs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland HIV/AIDS Prevalence • Progress towards HIV Reporting Goal • Additional AIDS Cases • HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Gender • HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Race/Ethnicity • HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Current Age • HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Region, Risk and Before and After by County • HIV/AIDS Prevalence Before and After, Southern Region • Ratio of HIV to AIDS Cases by County • Ratio of HIV to AIDS Cases by County, Southern Region <p>Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully implemented new law • Surpassed HIV reporting target • Epidemiological “picture” appears substantially unchanged • Discovered 900+ unreported AIDS cases • Improved procedures • Established new provider relationships 	
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<p>Updating the SCSN & Comprehensive Care Services Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn Clark, chief, Center for HIV Care Services AIDS Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn Clark presented a brief overview of highlights of the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN) and Comprehensive Plan (handouts provided). The SCSN is a mechanism for addressing key HIV/AIDS care issues and enhancing coordination across Ryan White programs and Parts and serves as a framework for programmatic action that will strengthen Maryland's HIV care service delivery system over a three-year planning cycle. Glenn reviewed the steps of the SCSN process and the key findings in the SCSN. The Ryan White Act requires Part B grantees to draft and implement statewide comprehensive plans, including a description of HIV-related services in the state, available resources, epidemiological data, service needs, goals and strategies. The guidelines state further that the plan should address disparities in HIV care, access and services among affected subpopulations and historically underserved communities, the needs of those who know their HIV status and are not in care and the needs of those who are currently in the care system. In line with the mission of the AIDS Administration, the Comprehensive Plan includes broad goals, principles and strategies for engaging and retaining all HIV infected persons in high quality care and services early in their diagnosis and throughout their diagnosis. This plan is designed to guide the design and implementation of Ryan White Parts B and D and state-funded HIV/AIDS services in Maryland over a <u>three-year period</u>. Glenn reviewed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where we are now: Our current system of care Where we need to go: Our vision of an ideal system How we will get there: Our goals for system improvements How we will monitor our progress: Our process for evaluation 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes Evaluations 2009 Schedule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fahd reviewed the minutes and evaluations from the October RAC meeting Fahad reviewed the RAC schedule for 2009, 	N/A

Local Prevention Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robin Wayne, Health Educator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robyn Wayne, Health Educator, presented information on the Charles County Sisters Informing Sisters (on) Topics (about) Aids. SISTA is a social skills intervention designed for women and delivered by trained peer facilitators in a community-based setting. Aimed at reducing HIV sexual risk behavior Why SISTA? Because the amount of women becoming infected with HIV was increasing. Someone at the CDC developed this program. Women take the information home to their loved ones. Also to instill ethnic and gender pride. SISTA target population: women who have sex with men, women aged 18-29, women HIV negative, and African-American women Broken down into 5 two hour sessions. First session is on values and beliefs. Second session is on HIV/AIDS and STD education. Third session is on negotiation and assertiveness verses aggression. Fourth session is on utilizing the information. Fifth session is on coping skills. SISTA love is strong, safe and surviving! In Charles County SISTA is implemented at: Charles County Detention Center, Charles County Girls group homes, Angel's Watch Women's Shelter, Aarons Beauty School, High School Teen Pregnancy Program, and High School based teen program. SISTA Success: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided at least 5 sessions to 9 different groups of women in 6 sites in Charles County Provided 102 hrs of intervention through 3/19/09 100% of group participants referred for testing, HIV test administered to 22% 	
Community Dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linda Fenlon asked if there were any announcements 	
Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fahad reminded attendees to fill out evaluations. 16 attended today's meeting. 	Evaluation results will be shared in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Burke